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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 1807

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA, SPANISH OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS

1. SPANISH EMBOFF TOLD US AUGUST 16 THAT SPANISH EMBASSY IN ALGIERS HAD NOTED NO REPEAT NO INCLINATION ON PART OF GOA TO ACQUIESCE IN A MOROCCAN-SPANISH BILATERALLY ARRANGED SOLUTION TO SAHARAN ISSUE IN MOROCCO'S FAVOR. ALGIERA'S POSITION ON SAHARA, HE SAID, HAD BEEN STRONGLY REITERATED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO SPANISH AMBASSADOR WHEN LATTER HAD CALLED AT MINISTRY AUGUST 13. AMBASSADOR HAD SAID ON RETURNING FROM CALL THAT ALGERIAN POSITION REMAINED IN SUBSTANCE EXACTLY AS BOUTEFLIKA HAD STATED IT TO LOPES BRAVO OVER TWO YEARS AGO. ONLY NEW ELEMENT WAS SENSE OF URGENCY EXPRESSED BY ALGERIANS THAT SPANISH

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SHOULD PUSH FORWARD RAPIDLY IN IMPLEMENTING UN RESOLU-

TIONS ON SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. PURPOSE OF SPANISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL AUGUST 13 HAD BEEN TO INFORM GOA THAT GOS AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE MOROCCAN PRIMIN AND FONMIN IN MADRID WAS BASED ON ITS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SAHARAN ISSUE WITH ANY INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED BY ALGERIANS AS AGREEMENT TO MAKE BILATERAL DEAL WITH MOROCCO.

3. SPEAKING OF SPANISH POSITION, SPANISH EMBOFF SAID THAT NINETY-NINE PERCENT OF GOS NOW AGREES SPAIN MUST LEAVE SAHARA. PROBLEM IS TO DETERMINE HOW TO DO IT IN WAY WHICH WILL NOT ANTAGONIZE NEIGHBORING STATES OR INJECT NEW INSTABILITY INTO AREA. IF MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA COULD COME TO GOS WITH AN AGREED POSITION, HE SAID, PROBLEM WOULD BE QUICKLY SOLVED. AS IT IS HOWEVER, MOROCCANS ARE MAKING STATEMENTS TO SPANISH REGARDING MAURITANIAN AND ALGERIAN POSITIONS WHICH CONTRADICT WHAT THOSE GOVERNMENTS ARE TELLING SPAIN DIRECTLY.

4. ON ROLE OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SEC GEN HASSAN AL-TUHAMY IN SAHARAN PROBLEM, SPANISH EMBOFF SAID THAT AFTER MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH HAD SEEN AL-TUHAMY IN TUNIS (SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THEY MET IN RABAT), OULD DADDAH HAD SENT STIFF PROTEST TO ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT COMPLAINING THAT AL-TUHAMY'S PRO-MOROCCAN STANCE DID NOT ACCORD WITH ISLAMIC SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS ON SAHARAN ISSUE.
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